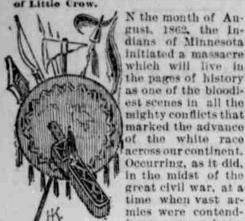
ONE OF THE BLOODIEST PICT-URES IN THE BOOK OF TIME.

The Most Trazic Chapter in the History of the Northwest-The Mindesota Indian Massacre of 1862, and the Swift Punishment of the Gullty Indians - Causes of the Uprising -Awful Scenes Enacted -A Memorable Trial Conviction of the Culprits -A Wholesale Execution -Death



N the month of August, 1862, the Indians of Minnesota initiated a massacre which will live in the pages of history as one of the bloodiest scenes in all the mighty conflicts that marked the advance of the white race across our continent. Occurring, as it did. in the midst of the

mies were contending on sanguinary battle-fields, and President Lincoln was calling for "six hundred thousand more," what wonder that the uprising of the Sioux in the then far Northwest attracted, outside the localities that suffered or were menaced, but a passing notice?

In this way a large amount of fraudulent claims were established, and just ones multiplied in amount. Of the money due the Indians under the



GRAVE OF THE VICTIMS OF THE SLAUGHTER.

treaties of 1851 and 1852, \$400,000 were paid the traders on old accounts. Besides, many of the stipulations as to establishing schools and furnishing farming implements were never carried out. Under the treaty of 1858 they were to be The events of those dreadful days paid \$166,000, but of this amount they grave, which was marked by a large



BATTLE OF BIRCH COOLIE.

the awful slaughter of the whites and former treaties.

The subject is not a pleasing one, nor has it lost much of its hideousness by the lapse of nearly & three decades, yet Its consideration tannot fall to interest all renders. and cause them to rejoice that the long-discussed Indian quest'on" is at

COL. STREET. occur in our land.



cord that the savages were solely responsible for that blood-curdling tragtell the truth? Seldom has the white general and extended through the whole man-never, perhaps, except in isolated | western frontier of Minnesota, and into cases-treated the red man in a fair and Iowa and Dakota. During the first week equitable manner.

Minnesota was organized as a territory in 1849, and the emigration rapidly set-

have not lacked careful historians, yet never received a penny until four years few of the present generation know afterward, when \$15,000 worth of goods much, if anything, of one of the "Blood- were sent the Sionx, and these were defest pictures on the book of 'Time," as ducted out of money due them under

the subsequent defeat and punishment | Thus a long series of wrongs, coupled of the fiends may properly be termed. with want amounting almost to starvation, had rendered the Indians desperate, and on Sunday, the 17th of August. 1862, the work of murder began. Four Indians killed as many whites, and then made haste to join their band. Little Crow, an influential chief who had been several times in Washington in the interests of the Sioux, was at once consulted. He knew the vast strength of the whites, and would, no doubt, have advised the surrender of the murderers were it not that he had been accused of acting in the interests of the whites as a barricade.

For twenty-four hours longer the fast well-nigh settled, and that similar against his people, and had thereby lest dreadful scenes are not likely to again much of his influence. He now saw a chance to regain his lost power, and as, It would be pleasing to be able to re- in common with all Indians, he hated the whites, he advised a general massacra "Trouble with the whites is inevitable, sooner or later," he said, "It may as well come now. I am with you. Let us go to the agency, kill the traders, and take their goods."

This advice was at once acted upon; runners were sent out to call in the braves, and an awful slaughter was berun which extended along both sides of the Minnesota River to within six miles of the town of New Ulm. Many were put to death, and that by the most crue! methods that the ingenuity of demons could devise. Children were nailed alive to doors and used as targets at which to throw tomnbawks; many were burned allye in houses; while, if possible, still more inhuman and unnatural crimes were perpetrated by these veritable fiends.

That week an attack was made upon New Ulm and Fort Ridgely, but the Indians were driven off with considerable loss on both sides, Little Crow being But what use to write, unless to wounded. The uprising had now become not less than 700 people perished, while 200 more were carried away as captives.

In the meantime, the excitement cantling upon the eastern side of the Missis- not be described. All who could hursippi River began to encroach upon the ried toward the large towns, numbers fertile country opposite. So, in 1851, falling on the way. While the awful the Indians were induced to sign treat- panic developed not a little selfishness ies by which they transferred to the and cowardice, it furnished many in-United States over 30,000,000 of acres, stances of devotion and endurance,



WHOLESALE INDIAN EXECUTION.

embracing all their lands in Iowa, Da- | Many lost their lives in trying to save began below Fort Ridgely and extended of ten miles on both sides of the river. The treaty contained a provision by which this reservation was also to be ceded and the Indians located where the President might appoint.

By a treaty made in 1858 they ceded to the Government all that portion north to be kept green in our memories. of the river, retaining the remainder. It is the custom of the traders who

know that the Indians will ultimately dians would receive, and also by refusing give an intelligible account of what had or mulatto, named Godfrey or Gussa, to at a them further credit unless they voted to transpired, and was taken in charge as whom the Indians had given be name wide

kota and Minnesota, except a tract along their friends, while not a few suffered the Upper Minnesota, which they re- martyrdom rather than abandon woundserved for their future home. This tract | ed and dying loved ones. Mrs Estlick's son Barton, not ten years old, and his 150 miles to Lake Traverse, with a width | brother, aged five, having been separated from their mother, arrived at the settlements several days afterward. Barton alternately led and carried his little brother a distance of eighty miles. Such an act of heroism and devotion on the number of about two hundred and lifty part of one of such tender years deserves

Three companies of the Fifth Minnesota Infantry, just organized for service try them. The remainder were sent in the Union army, were rendezvoused at down to Yellow Medicine Agency. An sell their lands, to give them credit for Fort Snelling to draw supplies to fit inquiry developed the fact that almost supplies, holding a claim against the them for service at the front, when news proceeds of the sale. This was done of the uprising arrived. The first the outbreak, and the braves at the largely in the present instance, and the courier who galloped into the fort, well- Agency were quietly discovered and made traders, by means of many false repre- nigh exhausted from his hard ride and prisoners. A number of half-breeds sentations as to the vast wealth the In- the attendant excitement, was unable to were among the accused, and one negro,

either drunk or insane. Within an hour, of Otakle, i. e., "he who kills many." hour, however, a second courier arrived He was the first one tried. He was senhour, however, a second courier arrived with confirmation of the first awful ac-

count. The Governor of the State, Alexander Ramsey, selected ex-Governor Henry H. Sibley to take command of an expedition against the Indians. He was well qualified for the perilons mission, having spent many years among the Sioux as a trader, speaking their language and knowing what could be expected of them. One week after the first outbreak, Col. Sibley was at St. Peter with 1,400 men. This seemed a large force, and would have been so regarded were it not for the uncertainty of the whereabouts of the red enemy and their peculiar mode of warfare.

On Sunday, the 31st day of August, Col. Sibley started out from Fort Ridgely a burial and scouting party under the command of Major Joseph R. Brown, whose family had been made captives by the Indians. The expedition numbered 153 men all told, of whom a considerable number were teamsters, with ninety-six horses, and a good supply of camp equipage and provisions. The first day about fifty murdered citizens were discovered and buried. Early the next morning they came upon the lifeless and scalped bodies of Captain Marsh and about thirty men who had been sent out on a relief expedition a few days before. They seem to have been surprised and fired upon from all sides. They were buried by their comrades in one long wooden cross.

On the night of the 1st of September, "Old Joe," as Major Brown was affectionately called, ordered his command to go into camp in a gorge near the now thriving village of Birch Coolle, about sixteen miles from Fort Ridgely. Major Brown, who had great knowledge of the Indians, believed that all was well, and the men, with the exception of the guards, went to sleep.

Slumber is heaviest just before daybreak, and it is then that Indians generally make an attack. The guard well understood this, and were on the alert. Suddenly, about four o'clock, a watchful sentinel saw and fired upon a moving object. In an instant the camp was aroused. All sprung to their feet, and received a deadly cross-fire from not less than 300 rifles, mostly double-barreled, in the hands of their stealthy, fiendish enemies, the Sloux. Soon all who had not been killed or disabled by the first fire, broke for the wagons, from the doubtful shelter of which a brisk fire was returned. Almost immediately a discovery was made which sent a thrill of dismay through the hearts of the bravest of the

were all of too large a caliber for the muskets, and not more than twenty rounds of the proper size remained for The men fell to work whittling down the bullets with their knive, in the mean time firing occasionally to keep up a show of fighting. Only one shovel and in Minnesota, and news of his death was one pick could be found, and these, together with knives, spoons, and bayonets, were used to dig intrenchments. A

"raw recruits." A mistake had been

ade in the ammunition; the cartridges

strong but losing fight was maintained, and by 10 o'clock sixty men were killed or wounded, and ninety-live out of the ninoty-six horses were dead. The latter no doubt saved the command from aunihilation, since their bodies were used



INTERIOR OF INDIAN JAIL.

brave men fought on, but with less loss now. At 10 o'clock on the morning of September 3 the gleam of rifles was seen in the distance, and the savages sullenly withdrew before the advance of a relief party which had been sent from Fort Ridgely, where the firing, thanks to the favorable direction of the wind, had been

Taking into account the small number engaged, the battle of Birch Coolie was one of the hottest fought during the period of the civil war. Of the 153 whites, twenty-three were killed and forty-five severely wounded, while very few escaped altogether uninjured. When relieved they had been thirty-one hours without either food or water, and were almost exhausted.

There were many wonderful escapes from death. A. P. Connolly, Adjutant of the Sixth Minnesota Infantry, who was present, mentions the case of a woman, the only one of a party who had escaped with her life, though badly wounded with buckshot. She had been twelve days without food, other than berries, when she was found by Maj. Brown's expedition. During the awful thirty-six hours of the seige she remained in the wagon where she had been placed, praying for her deliverers. The wagon was riddled with bullets, but, strange to say, she was struck by none of them. She ultimately entirely recov-

ered. On the 18th of September the camp at Fort Ridgely was broken up, and the expedition, disgusted with its long inactivity, started on its march after the foe. On the morning of Sept. 23 the enemy were encountered at Wood Lake. The Indians were sanguine of success, but were badly beaten, the white loss being

four killed and about forty wounded. Colonel Sibley sent out word to the Indians that if they would come in, no inpocent man would be harmed; and in a short time all except Little Crow and his most desperate followers were within reach and encamped near Lacqui Parle. Colonel Sibley encamped with his forces about haif a mile from the Indians, at Camp Release, so called because the captives were released there. These, to the

were at once set free. A large number of Indians were made prisoners and a commission appointed to the entire nation had been involved in tenced to death, but upon the recommendation of the commission, his sentence

was commuted by President Lincoln to

imprisonment for ten years. He ren-

dered the prosecution great service upon

many of the trials, testifying in a number

of cases. He is said to be still living on

Over four hundred prisoners of all

ages, from 15 to 80, were tried, and of

these three hundred and three were con-

victed. Their sentences varied from

death down to one year's imprisonment.

Finally, after considerable delay, thirty-

eight of them were ordered to be exe-

cuted at Mankato, on the 26th day of

A few of the condemned Indians ac-

knowledged their guilt, but for the most

part they maintained their innocence.

Clergymen, both Protestant and Catho-

lic, labored with them and succeeded in

converting and baptising quite a number.

They were allowed to send for some of

their relatives, with whom their parting

On the morning of the fatal day their

irons were removad and their arms

bound with cords, their elbows behind

and their wrists in front. Then, long

white muslin caps were placed on their

heads, but left rolled up so as to show

their painted faces. During this opera-

tion, which consumed over an hour, sev-

men were formed into a procession and

marched into the street and directly

across from the jall, between files of

soldiers, to the long scaffold which had

been erected there. As they commenced

the ascent of the scaffold, they started

the death song again, and made a per-

feetly hideous noise, which had a won-

derful effect in keeping up their courage.

the nooses adjusted, and, in the presence

a rope was cut, and the thirty-eight red-

handed murderers shot simultaneously

citizens, and silence reigned over the

Another such wholesale hanging has

The next summer Gen. Sibley drove

the hostile Sioux from the State, killing

over one hundred of them in the process

737, of whom 644 were citizens, mas

Little Crow continued his depreda-

tions, killing a good many whites the

next spring, actually venturing within

twelve miles of St. Paul. July 3, 1863,

while picking berries near the town of

Hutchinson, he was shot and killed by

two men named Sampson, father and

son. Little Crow was one of the bright-

est and bravest of all the Sioux. His

name had become a synonym for terror

Dry Go ds Salaries.

C. B. Worth, of H. B. Claffin & Co.,

a few days ago, "that some of the high

est salaries are paid in our business.

We are often accused of paying starva-

tion wages to our clerks by people who

never look at the expenses entailed in

running an establishment. Take the

bu ers, for instance. There are firms

in this city who pay men from \$10,000

to \$30,000 a year for simply being able

to tell three-quarters of a year in ad-

vance what the fashion is going to be.

One gentleman, who buys for a wholesale house on Broadway, is said to earn

"Dry goods houses are noted for pay-

ing low wages to their clerks, because

the supply of clerks is so abundant. In

some of the smaller stores the pay runs

as low as \$3 a week But the buyer

on whose judgment the sale of next

year's fabrics depends gets half as

much as the President of the United

States. The smallest, and some of the

largest, salaries are paid in the dry

distinguish in advance what the fash-

awake man. He must watch the grow-

ing tendencies among the firm's richest

and most fashionable customers at

home and abroad. Whatever has be-

come popular among them will make

its way among the masses, and this

tide the house must catch and swim

"In Europe textile manufacturers

make few goods except on orders. The

buyer for a firm must decide what his

house can sell next season, and order

his supplies of cloth made in advance.

to bankrupt the firm, by leaving them

with a stock on hand of unsalable

goods, the patterns not being to the

liking of the firm's customers. So you

can easily see why a skillful buyer can

"How do you select a man for such a

"Nothing less than a kind of intui-

tion is demanded for such a place. In

addition, the buyer must estimate what

amount his employer can sell of a given style of goods. If he overstocks

the firm, then they are left with old-

fashioned articles on hand which they

must resort to the 'bargain-counter'

devices to get rid of at a severe loss.'

ASTONISHING success has attended

the effort of Dr. Lannelongue, an emi-

nent specialist of Paris, to give intelli-

gence to a little idiot girl. Though

four years old, the child could neither

walk nor stand, and never smiled nor

took notice of anything. The Doctor

concluded that the abnormal narrow-

ness of the head obstructed the growth

of the brain, and in May last he mad,

an incision in the center of the skull

and cut a piece of bone from the left

side of it. The result was marvelous.

Within less than a month the child

could walk, and she is now quite bright

-playing, smiling, and taking notice

THE length of the telpherage line

between Bueno Avres and Montevideo

is 186 miles, and it is designed to carry

electrically driven letter boxes, which

may be dispatched every two hours. The

two wires cross the La Plata estuary

at a point where it is ninetsen miles

of everything around her.

command his own price."

-New York Star.

A serious mistake might be sufficient

ion for next year is to be?"

"How does the buyer for the house

"Ah, that is where it requires a wide

\$50,000 a year.

goods business."

along with it.

position?"

"It is not generally known," said Mr.

DWIGHT BALDWIN.

received amid universal reloicing.

The number of whites killed in 1862 was

never taken place in America, and per-

haps not in the civilized world.

downward to a most righteous doom.

awful scene

Then the white caps were drawn down,

At exactly 10 o'clock the condemned

eral exciting death songs were sung.

a Missouri reservation.

February, 1863.

was quite affecting.

A BOY MURDERER. The Youngest Convict in the United States Wonderfully innocent-looking is prisoner No. 1900 in the Iowa State Prison, a slim boy eleven years old. He is rather a handsome boy, with a broad forehead and a thoughtful face, as the Leffections of an Elevating photograph shows. He is the youngest prisoner ever received at the prison or, it is believed, at any other State prison.

Prisoner 196# is sentenced to the Iowa State Penitentiary for life. His crime was the brutal and premeditated murder of his father and stepmother near Edgewood, Clayton County, in July, 1889.

Early one morning Wesley drove the old farm team furiously up to a neighbor's house. He had the baby in the wagon with him. He had an awful story to tell. When he grose that morning and went to his parents' room a terrible sight met his eyes.

Lying stretched out on the bed was the body of his father with a bullethole through his head. Half on the bed and half on the floor was the body of his stepmother. Her head was beaten to a jelly. On the floor lay a heavy club, smeared with blood, and his father's old muzzle-loading rifle, with which the ghastly work had been done.

The community was excited and many people were thrown under suspicion. The eldest son proved an alibi.

Wesley, the ten-year-old boy, maintained his story. He showed no sign of grief. No tear came to his eve. Coolly and in a matter of fact way he related again and again the details of his horrid discovery. It was always the same.

He was finally arrested, however, of a vast concourse of people, Major Brown gave a drum three distinct taps, and locked up in jail at Elkoder. One day this 10-year old child called the officials into his cell and confessed that the work was his. There was no breaking As the platform fell, a long though down, no tears. Coolly and calmly not loud cheer went up from soldiers and again he detailed the story.

His father and his stepmother whipped him and he would not stand it. He waited until his brother was gone away and he was alone in the house with his parents. At 3 o'clock in the morning he got up, stole down stairs and loaded his father's old muzzle-loading rifle, which hung on the wall in the bed-room. He put the muz-



WESLEY ELRING.

zle to his father's forehead and fired. As he had expected, his step-mother was awakened by the report and leaped out of bed to strike a light. Wesley knocked her down with a club which he had ready. Then, to make the matter sure, he beat her head to a jelly.

FOUR SCORE AND TEN. George Bancroft Celebrates His Ninetieth Birthday.

At his cozy cottage in Newport, R. I., George Bancroft recently celebrated his ninetieth anniversary. The occasion was not forgotten by Mr. Eancroft's friends, the mails and telegraph conveying to him hosts of remembances and congratulations from all parts of country, although, owing to his enfeebled health, the usual reception was omitted. Mr. Bancroft, though somewhat

weakened by the heavy burden of his rears, continues to enjoy his walks and drives. He has entirely given up horseback riding, which used to be one of his greatest pleasures. His mind seems to be perfectly clear on all subjects historical, and he will discuss the



matters and happenings of a decade ago without hesitancy, but he seems to have lost all interest in the present. How to Arouse a Drunken Man.

"The best way to arouse a drunken man is to pinch him under the arms." says a police officer. "I found a drunken fellow lying across the track at Tenth and Morgan streets late one night and it seemed impossible to arouse him. I clubbed him over the seles of his feet and rolled and shook him, but he lay as limp as a rag. Just then an old gentleman suggested that I pinch him under the arms.

"The effect was electrical. I had him awake and fighting mad at once. On another occasion Sergeant Pierce tried the same experiment on a sot at the Fourth District station, who was delaying the Black Maria. The man stood it for awhile, and then suddenly opened his eyes, and dealt the sergeant a blow that would have felled an ox. The treatment is a dead sure thing fetches them every time."—Globe Democrat.

never get back the money he lent my

THE SUNDAY SCHO

AN INTERESTING AND INST TIVE LESSON.

Wholesome Food for Thou ing the Scriptural Lesson H GARMENTS and Profitably. The lesson for Sunday, Nov.

INTRODUCTORY This was a notable night in our Lord ministry. The lesson before us is the fourt regarding events which occurred in this brief period of time. The three succeeding lessons embrace the incidents of that yet more notable day which followed.

WHAT THE LESSON JAYS.

Then took they him, or, more correctly, laid hold of him. It was a forcible arrest.

Led him, or conducted him, as of the under custody. He had submitted himself to the wrath of man.—High priest's house, Calaphas. Here the preliminary Jewish trial was to take place.—And Peter. It is evident that Peter's conduct on this occasion much impressed the other disciples. Kindled a fire. It was about two o'clock in the morning, about the coolest hour of the twenty-four .- In the midst of the hall. In a chafing dish, such as were used then to take off the chill.—Sat down to-gether. The soldier guard and rabble, in-

cluding Peter. Bad company.

A certain maid. A menial about the court. The word is sometimes translated female slave. - As he sat by the fire. The light of its flames disclosing him to her gaze. She seems to have edged about to get a better sight of him.—Earnestly looked upon him. At last getting a good straight look at him. The word means to eye narrowly .- This man was also with him. More literally and graphically, And this man was with him. A shrill cry with

finger pointed right at him.

He denied, or said, no. The quick prompting of earthly self-interest. — Woman, I know him not. Doubtless spoken to turn away the fierce glances of those about. Let us imagine ourselves in his place, ere we

Another. Evidently a man, from the gender used. There were several who had beheld the apostolic company in their walks with the Master. - Thou art also of them, i. e., of those attached to the person of Christ.

Another, Also a man (autos). —Confidently affirmed. Without peradventure. -A Galilean. An added evidence of his complicity.

I know not what thou sayest. Perhaps with a reference to the Galliean dialect to which the man had adverted. Then, as the other people tells us he carsed and swore, as if to let them know that his was another language entirely. Certainly it was not the language of Canaan.
Turned and looked. As he could do

through the open corridor. - Remembered. The cock, according to Mark, had already crowed twice, but it was not until the third crow that the words of Christ came back

Went out. Counting himself doubtless a very reprobate .- Wept bitterly, i. e., with keenness of remorse, his penitence, like Pavid's, the saving clause.

The men who held Jesus. The brutal soldiery. - Mocked him. Or, played with him. They made him the butt of their ridicule.- Smote him. The word literally means to thrash or cudgel, used of violent

WHAT THE LESSON TEACHES. And Peter followed afar off. This was the man that said but a few hours before in quick impulsiveness, "Lord, I am ready to go with thee, both into prison and to death." With thee-here was his opportunity. It was either prison or death. There goes the Christ with his termenters. And now where is Peter? With his Lord? No. skulking there in the background afraid of his own shadow, presently denying his identity and even his acquaintance. Ah, well, we take courage. If out of such unworthy, crumbly rock as this God can build his church, then, brother, friend, the worst of us can come, and God will make us over into something tried and sure.

And the Lord turned and looked upon Peter. That sufficed, just a look out of these tender eyes. What reproof was in them: O those looks of Christ! That look when as it is written, "He beheld them (his rejectors) and said, what is this then that is written? The stone which the builders rejested, the same is become the head of the corner." That look indeed just a moment since is the garden when but casting his eye on his molesters they fell back as if smitten. Yea, that look, when he shall gaze upon them from the flashing glories of his throne of judgment. It was a sad, rebuking face that Peter saw, and had it been the last glance he had from our Savior's eye we may well say it would have broken his heart. But that look of love by the sea, ah, that mended all. Such a face, it is ours to behold to-day, ours though like Peter we have pained the Savior's heart with swift denial.

Prophesy who is it that smote thee. O vile men, buffeting and mocking the Son of God! Alas, wild, reckless destroyers of their own peace, for every blow on that pure face was a stroke leveled at their own eterhave felt it at the last! How they must shrink at the thought of it when confronted by the Lamb upon the throne! "Prophesy who it is that smote thee," they said seifcomplacently, tauntingly. Poor fools, he saw it all. They think they are deriding the son. "He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh. The Lord shall have them in derision." Have a care, blasphemous haters of God. What you think to do behind the back the Lord Jehovah beholds. He knows who smites him. You cannot blindfold God!

Hereafter. It is an appeal from the now to the then; from the present with its harsh and unreasonable antagonism, to the future with its clear, flooding light that shall siience all opposition. There was no reason for Christ to tell his tormentors, for, as he said, they could not believe. There was no occasion for him to ask of them, for they would not, and indeed could not, in their wretched though unwitting poverty, answer. Straight away he turns from them in their reprobacy to the solemn realities of the judgment scene: "Hereafter shall the Son of man hit on the right hand of the power of God." Think of it a moment. It is a peril to which all who withstand God are liable. At any moment he may turn away from your obstinacy to the great bar of God. Your day of grace gone, henceforth simple justice for his vindication there is at the same time the condemnation of his enem es. What need we any further witness? Yes,

it was enough. Christ's own witness to himself is sufficient. His testimony in it-self is unanswerable. To those who believe it not, it means Christ's crucifiaton by wicked hands and willful. To those who believe it, it signifies his exaltation and glorification in the heart's faith and devotion. In the word, in nature, in providence, in experience, in conscience there is the heaven-wrought "Thou sayest it." Jesus, Christ is revealed demonstrably as the Son of God. "What need we any further witness?" The only question now is the per-sonal one, "What shall I do with Jesus who called the Christ?"

Next Week .- Jesus before Pilate and Herod." Luke 23: 1-12.

UNREASONABLE RESTRAINTS.

To be cut for no good cause is to receive a wound which is not easily healed.

A woman should make an advance towards the man she loves and would marry. A man really finds out the best or the

worst points of his wife's character before he marries her.

JOHNNIE-My pop is richer'n your Many a woman owes a life of celibacy op. Freddy-Mebbe he is, but he'll and disappointment to the fact that she never felt at liberty to act for her-